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"VIENTIANE MAY" PUBLISHED BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF THE  
FOUR LAO OFFICIALS RECENTLY APPOINTED AS AMWASSADORS  
TO HANOI, LONDON, TOKYO, AND PEKING. BELOW IS OUR  
TRANSLATION OF THE SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF THE ARTICLE:

(A) KHAMTA DOUANGTHALA, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS AMBASSADOR  
TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM (DRV),  
WAS BORN IN 1933 AT MUONG KHOUN, XIENG KHOUANG  
PROVINCE. HE IS MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF THREE  
CHILDREN. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE COUP D'ETAT OF 1952 (SIC)  
AND JOINED THE LIBERATION ARMY IN 1956. AT THE END  
OF HIS ARMY SERVICE, HE WAS APPOINTED A MEMBER OF  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE

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AND AT THE SAME TIME SECOND SECRETARY OF THE PARTY

REPRESENTATION IN THE PROVINCE. IN 1972 HE BECAME POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DRV. FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS HE HAS BEEN ACTING REPRESENTATIVE.

B) PLATTHANA CHOUNRAMANY (IN THE NEW ORTHOGRAPHY OF LAOS HIS NAME IS OFTEN RENDERED PATTHANA CHOUNLAMANY), WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAS SERVED IN THE LAO EMBASSIES IN FRANCE AND INDIA AS WELL AS AT THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN NEW YORK. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND LATER AS OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS (CHARGE DE MISSION) AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

C) LANE PATTHAMMAVONG, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO, HAS SERVED IN THE LAO EMBASSIES AT PARIS, LONDON, MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AS WELL AS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, BETWEEN 1972 AND 1975. HE THEN SERVED AS RAPPORTEUR AND MEMBER OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE DELEGATION TO THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT DURING THE CARRYING OUT OF THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL. MOST RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN AN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS (CHARGE DE MISSION) AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

D) THAVONE SICHALEUNE, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WAS BORN ON JUNE 7, 1922 AT CHAMPASSAK. HE IS MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN. HE JOINED THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE IN 1947. HE HAS HELD IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE ARMY, AND IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE PARTY. HE WAS ALSO APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT TO THE DRV.

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